#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

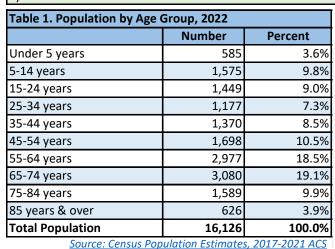
# Aitkin Co.

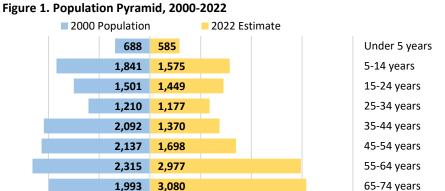
Aitkin Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.

### **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**



Aitkin Co. is the 53rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 50th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Aitkin Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).





Aitkin Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Aitkin Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

1.130

394

1,589

626

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022								
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
	Population	Natural	Natural Vital Events Net Migration					
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Aitkin Co.	423	-339	236 575 761 4 757				757	
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

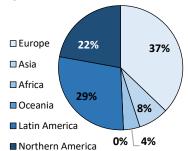
Compared to the state, Aitkin Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Aitkin Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Aitkin Co.		Change 2	010-2021	Minnesota		
Population, 2021	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	140	0.9%	-38	-21.3%	8.5%	30.6%	
Europe	52	37.1%	-11	-17.5%	9.4%	0.3%	
Asia	11	7.9%	-30	-73.2%	37.0%	30.2%	
Africa	6	4.3%	4	200.0%	27.8%	89.8%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	17.8%	
Americas:	71	50.7%	-1	-1.4%	25.4%	6.8%	
Latin America	40	28.6%	6	17.6%	23.0%	8.5%	
Northern America	31	22.1%	-7	-18.4%	2.5%	-6.7%	

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2021

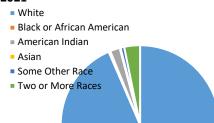
75-84 years

85 years & over



Aitkin Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021



		Aitkin Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
Total	15,747	100.0%	-3.4%	100.0%	7.4%
White	14,728	93.5%	-5.5%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	53	0.3%	112.0%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	315	2.0%	-4.8%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	27	0.2%	-46.0%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	117	0.7%	333.3%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	507	3.2%	73.0%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	224	1.4%	53.4%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

#### **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

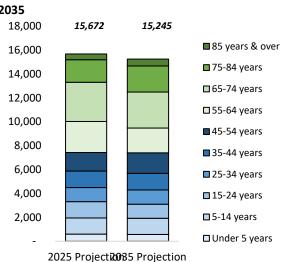
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Aitkin Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

able 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

93.5%

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035							
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent			
Aitkin Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	594	573	-21	-3.5%			
5-14 years	1,355	1,346	-9	-0.7%			
15-24 years	1,364	1,179	-185	-13.6%			
25-34 years	1,182	1,190	8	0.7%			
35-44 years	1,378	1,398	20	1.5%			
45-54 years	1,554	1,709	155	10.0%			
55-64 years	2,599	2,079	-520	-20.0%			
65-74 years	3,274	3,015	-259	-7.9%			
75-84 years	1,887	2,187	300	15.9%			
85 years & over	485	569	84	17.3%			
Total Population	15,672	15,245	-427	-2.7%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Aitkin Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Aitkin Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.3%

Less than high school

High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Advanced degree

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021

College-educated: 53.4% state: 68.0%

Associate's Degree: 11.7%
Bachelor's Degree: 11.3%
Advanced Degree: 5.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.5%, Aitkin Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Aitkin Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 8.4% in 2020, and declined compared to the 6.5% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Aitkin Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates Aitkin Co. Minnesota 8,000 3,200,000 7,718 3,150,000 7,800 3,100,000 ocal Labor Force 7,600 **7** 3,050,000 7,400 3,000,000 7,200 2,950,000 7,000 2,900,000 6,800 2,850,000 3,077,500 6,600 2,800,000 6,400 2,750,000 6,200 2,700,000 

Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 198.6 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Aitkin Co. averaged an annual gain of 11 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 21.1 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7).

Moving forward, Aitkin Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6). Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022

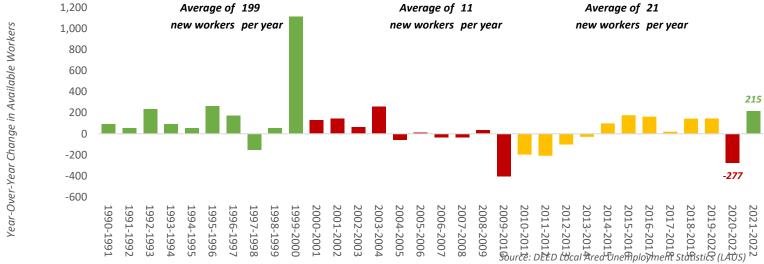
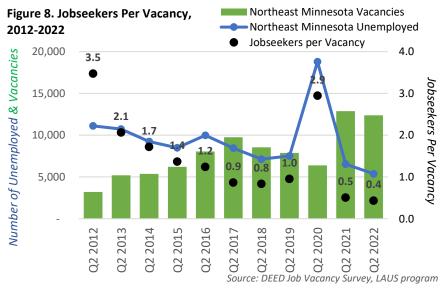


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	797	700		
25 to 54 years	3,400	3,549		
55 to 64 years	1,397	1,118		
65 years & over	738	720		
Total Labor Force	6,333	6,088		

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Northeast reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).



## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Aitkin Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Aitkin Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2	.021						
		Aitkin Co.		Minne	esota	Labor Force	by Gender
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	6,457	48.1%	5.6%	69.2%	4.0%	3,332	3,129
16 to 19 years	315	51.9%	3.8%	52.3%	10.7%	148	167
20 to 24 years	485	81.5%	8.7%	83.3%	6.7%	270	215
25 to 44 years	2,076	83.5%	5.7%	88.8%	3.6%	1,057	1,019
45 to 54 years	1,348	81.3%	7.6%	87.6%	3.0%	715	633
55 to 64 years	1,563	53.8%	3.9%	73.1%	3.2%	784	778
65 to 74 years	523	17.4%	4.6%	28.0%	3.2%	285	237
75 years & over	154	7.1%	0.7%	6.6%	2.9%	73	80
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. L	abor Force by
White alone	6,100	48.1%	5.0%	68.5%	3.4%	Race, 2021	_
Black or African American	9	22.0%	0.0%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	95	45.5%	28.4%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	18	100.0%	0.0%	72.7%	4.1%		
Some Other Race	34	30.6%	0.0%	75.8%	6.2%		N N
Two or More Races	211	57.8%	13.7%	74.1%	7.3%		V
Hispanic or Latino	111	70.3%	9.9%	77.0%	6.6%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disabil</b>	ity						
With Any Disability	625	48.4%	9.8%	53.6%	9.9%		94.5%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educat</b>	ional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	4,986	70.7%	5.7%	84.4%	3.4%	■ White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	352	66.7%	7.7%	66.6%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,524	63.3%	4.5%	77.3%	2.5%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,161	75.2%	5.1%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	950	76.4%	1.6%	90.3%	2.1%	Some O	ther Race

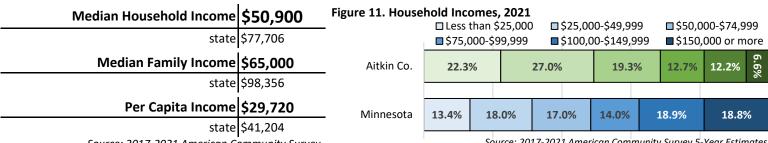
Two or More Races Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Aitkin Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Aitkin Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

	Aitkin	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	e Leaving Ho	me to
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20		
Worked in state of residence	5,901	99.1%	2,858,636	97.7%	■ Aitki		■ Minnesota 0% 40%
Worked in county of residence	3,966	66.6%	1,922,337	65.7%	٦		070 4070
Worked out of county of residence	1,935	32.5%	933,372	31.9%	12:00 a.m. to		
Worked outside state of residence	54	0.9%	67,296	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	5.4% 4.6%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5.00 1- 5.50		
Car, truck, or van	5,151	86.5%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	9.0%	
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	18	0.3%	81,926	2.8%	u.iii.	9.1%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	244	4.1%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		17.0%
Worked at home	548	9.2%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.4%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59		
Less than 10 minutes	1,078	18.1%	465,223	15.9%	a.m.		34.2% 29.0%
10 to 19 minutes	1,739	29.2%	895,335	30.6%			25.070
20 to 29 minutes	1,084	18.2%	649,557	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	13	.7%
30 to 44 minutes	971	16.3%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.	14	4.5%
45 to 59 minutes	369	6.2%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to		20.70/
60 or more minutes	721	12.1%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.		20.7% 23.3%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.2	minutes	23.5	minutes			

## **INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Aitkin Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Aitkin Co. had the 85th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Aitkin Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.65 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.5 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of	Living Estimate	es, <b>2022</b>							
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage		Monthly Costs					
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
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Aitkin Co.	\$30,471	\$14.65	\$0	\$353	\$152	\$570	\$863	\$253	\$348
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living	_	Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Ciliu Care	roou	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Aitkin Co.	\$54,604	\$17.50	\$479	\$807	\$538	\$756	\$1,022	\$428	\$520
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Aitkin Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 31st highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Aitkin Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Aitkin	Aitkin Co.		
occupied Housing Units, 2021	Total	Percent	Percent	
Total	5,583	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	313	5.6%	4.3%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	794	14.2%	6.1%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	814	14.6%	9.5%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	932	16.7%	14.8%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,334	23.9%	28.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,057	18.9%	26.4%	
\$500,000 or more	339	6.1%	10.2%	
Median (dollars)	\$195,7	700	\$250,200	

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

0% 20% 30% 10% Aitkin Co. Minnesota 2010 or later 19.1% 2000 to 2009 13.4% 1980 to 1999 26.9% 1960 to 1979 24.1% 11.6% 1940 to 1959 14.1% 1939 or earlier 15.9%

> Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2021

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2021

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

state \$1,682

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs \$809

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 45.4%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

mortgage 25.8% rent 22.8% 40.4% 40.8% 13.1% 2%12.7% 11.9% 14 9% 20% to 24.9%

30.0% to 34.9%

■ 35% or more

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$22.57 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.6) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.05) (see Table 11).

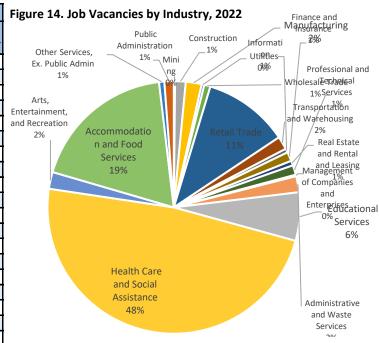
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023									
		Regio	n 3		State of Minnesota				
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs		
Total, All Occupations	\$22.57	136,490	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%		
Management	\$42.60	7,720	5.7%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%		
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.03	5,910	4.3%	0.6	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%		
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.38	2,150	1.6%	0.4	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%		
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.75	2,340	1.7%	0.9	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%		
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$32.18	1,680	1.2%	1.2	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%		
Community & Social Service	\$24.43	4,310	3.2%	1.6	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%		
Legal	\$41.44	530	0.4%	0.6	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%		
Education, Training & Library	\$25.02	8,450	6.2%	1.1	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%		
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.52	1,280	0.9%	0.7	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%		
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.53	11,460	8.4%	1.3	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%		
Healthcare Support	\$17.05	9,180	6.7%	1.2	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%		
Protective Service	\$25.66	3,020	2.2%	1.5	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%		
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.05	13,630	10.0%	1.3	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.29	4,560	3.3%	1.2	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%		
Personal Care & Service	\$15.33	3,110	2.3%	1.1	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%		
Sales & Related	\$15.06	11,540	8.5%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%		
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.75	16,030	11.7%	1.0	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%		
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.49	240	0.2%	1.2	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%		
Construction & Extraction	\$30.65	6,950	5.1%	1.3	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.17	6,400	4.7%	1.3	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%		
Production	\$22.97	6,640	4.9%	0.7	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%		
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.53	9,370	6.9%	0.9	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%		

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

## **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Aitkin Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 12388 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	12,388	\$17.36				
Management	422	\$24.15				
Business & Financial Operations	273	\$24.50				
Computer & Mathematical	65	Ψ0=.00				
Architecture & Engineering	139	\$31.37				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	26	\$30.85				
Community & Social Service	862					
Education, Training & Library	507	\$17.89				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,703	\$27.35				
Healthcare Support	1,920	\$14.98				
Protective Service	165	\$16.15				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,974					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	509	\$15.29				
Personal Care & Service	371	\$14.87				
Sales & Related	776	\$20.46				
Office & Administrative Support	591	\$17.71				
Construction & Extraction	214	\$15.77				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	652	\$19.19				
Production	300	\$16.14				
Transportation & Material Moving	799	\$16.76				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Northeast Occupa	tions in Demand, 2022		
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers
\$29,059/yr	\$34,934/yr	\$71,527/yr	\$82,813/yr
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police and Sheriff?s Patrol Officers	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health
\$27,928/yr	\$46,062/yr	\$68,848/yr	\$46,520/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$24,821/yr	Medical Assistants \$44,148/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$54,551/yr	Project Management Specialists and Business Operations \$58,224/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$33,764/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and  Mechanics \$41,697/yr	Dental Hygienists \$68,382/yr	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$74,453/yr
First-Line Supervisors of	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and	Radiologic Technologists and	Elementary School Teachers,
Retail Sales Workers \$42,031/yr	Cosmetologists \$26,724/yr	Technicians \$65,405/yr	Except Special Education \$63,606/yr
Waiters and Waitresses	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Surgical Technologists	Accountants and Auditors
\$25,400/yr	\$71,496/yr	\$61,239/yr	\$65,351/yr
Customer Service Representatives	Electricians	Forest and Conservation Technicians	Child, Family, and School Social Workers
\$37,099/yr	\$70,377/yr	\$45,122/yr	\$54,240/yr
Social and Human Service Assistants	Dental Assistants	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Medical and Health Services  Managers
\$36,487/yr	\$48,991/yr	\$62,085/yr	\$89,809/yr
Cooks, Restaurant \$31,373/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$34,526/yr	Computer Network Support Specialists \$63,126/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$60,603/yr
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and	Respiratory Therapists	Pharmacists
\$28,288/yr	\$48,463/yr	\$66,575/yr	\$140,415/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Aitkin Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 5.5% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030						
Northeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030			
Total, All Industries	148,527	156,642	5.5%			
Natural Resources & Mining	4,938	5,018	1.6%			
Utilities	1,295	1,097	-15.3%			
Construction	6,111	6,368	4.2%			
Manufacturing	8,329	8,166	-2.0%			
Wholesale Trade	3,122	3,127	0.2%			
Retail Trade	16,275	15,391	-5.4%			
Transportation & Warehousing	4,783	4,977	4.1%			
Information	1,145	1,210	5.7%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	5,760	5,883	2.1%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,359	5,695	6.3%			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	2,916	3,095	6.1%			
Educational Services	11,884	12,440	4.7%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	32,183	35,151	9.2%			
Leisure & Hospitality	14,347	17,531	22.2%			
Other Services	5,703	6,304	10.5%			
Public Administration	14,780	15,572	5.4%			

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Employment Projection					
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Management Occupations	577	<b>2,</b> 535			
Business and Financial	326	<b>1</b> ,713			
Computer and	209	442			
Architecture and	91	623			
Life, Physical, and Social	71	369			
Community and Social	465	<b>1</b> ,799			
Legal Occupations	45	200			
Educational Instruction and	657	3,631			
Arts, Design,	184	859			
Healthcare Practitioners	961	<b>3,2</b> 84			
Healthcare Support	1,290	6,744			
Protective Service	249	1,403			
Food Preparation and	2,06	7 9,637			
Building and Grounds	526	3,401			
Personal Care and Service	524	<b>2,9</b> 66			
Sales and Related	-59	7,506			
Office and Administrative	-465 <b>I</b>	7,812			
Farming, Fishing, and	181	290			
Construction and Extraction	276	<b>2,</b> 492			
Installation, Maintenance,	199	<b>2,</b> 286			
Production Occupations	-241	<b>2,</b> 588			
Transportation and	513	4,567			

#### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

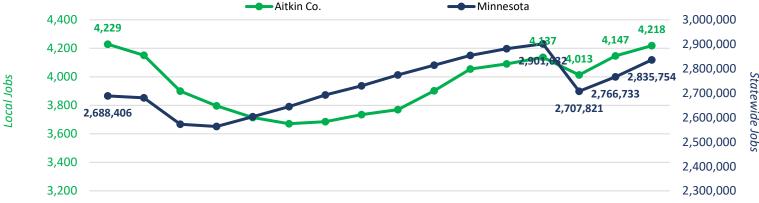
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Aitkin Co. had the 66th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Aitkin Co. was the 45th fastest growing in the past year and the 11th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Aitkin Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

474 business establishments \$44,310 annual average wage

4,218 jobs \$186,901,427 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2022 2.0% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

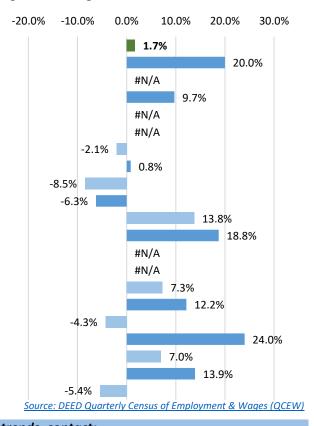


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Aitkin Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	4,218	100.0%	\$44,310
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	30	0.7%	\$46,352
Mining	47	1.1%	\$71,641
Construction	248	5.9%	\$48,755
Manufacturing	371	8.8%	\$54,494
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	111	2.6%	\$42,117
Retail Trade	613	14.5%	\$30,508
Transportation & Warehousing	140	3.3%	\$14,175
Information	15	0.4%	\$59,278
Finance & Insurance	91	2.2%	\$50,890
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	19	0.5%	\$33,258
Professional & Technical Services	88	2.1%	\$36,155
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	96	2.3%	\$23,272
Educational Services	433	10.3%	\$21,060
Health Care & Social Assistance	771	18.3%	\$42,890
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	93	2.2%	\$30,014
Accommodation & Food Services	564	13.4%	\$17,625
Other Services	139	3.3%	\$20,341
Public Administration	330	7.8%	\$51,664

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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